Veciap, M/s. Montary Mushroom, M/s. Perfetti, M/s. Wriggly, M/s. Mars Inc, etc. These approvals involve foreign equity investment of over Rs. 2000 crores.

(b) Projects are expected to bring in among other things marketing expertise, advantages of technology, introduction of modern managerial techniques, utilization of indigenous raw material and possibilities of promotion of exports.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has not received any reports of decline in production of food products including soft drinks due to operation of the companies with foreign equity, who have to compete with existing and future domestic industry to market their produce.

(e) Information on sales of companies are not maintained.

Agro-based industries in the States

5629. SHRI S.S. SURJE WALA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an integrated project for the development of agro-based industries in the States of Haryana, U.P., Rajasthan adjacent to Delhi; and

(b) if not, how Government propose to develop agro industries without creating a net work of infrastructure consisting of cold storage, processing, packing and transport etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing industries does not set up any project directly in any States. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has formulated and is operating a number of developmental Plan Schemes for the overall development of food processing industries. Some of these schemes envisage financial assistance for infrastructural development, cold storage and processing etc. In addition assistance is also available from National Horticulture Board & Agriculture and Processed Foods Export Development Authority (APEDA) for setting up post-harvest infrastructure.

Occurrence of Benzene in Vegetable Oils

5630. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vegetable oils produced in the country at present contain one per cent benzene' a cancer causing substance, against the world specification of 40 parts per million;

(b) if so, since when this violation of world specification is in vogue in the country; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring the percentage down, if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) No, Sir. Benzene is an organic salt which is not used in oil extraction either in India or abroad.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grant of special allownace to the staff of AIIMS

5631. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are yet to publish a list of All India Institute of Medical

Science staff eligible for grant of special allowance for working in ICU/Casuality Departments despite agreeing to do so; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR C. SILVERA). (a) No, Sir. A list of eligible nursing staff has been published and circulated by the Institute.

(b) Does not arise.

Increasing the number of seats for B.Sc., P.C. Courses

5632. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that PGI, Chandigarh with a lesser nursing staff strength than AIIMS has more seats in the B.Sc. and P. C. Courses while AIIMS do not have proportionate number of seats for such courses; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken for increasing the number of seats in these courses in AIIMS ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to increase the number of seats for admission to B.Sc. Nursing (Post Certificate) course is under consideration.

Increasing EHS rooms in AIIMS

5633. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no increase in the EHS rooms with 2 beds despite phenomenal growth of staff in nursing category in AIIMS since its inception; and

(b) if so, what are the details of action proposed to be taken to increase the number of EHS rooms proportionate to the growth of nursing staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b) It has been reported by AIIMS that there are 5 two bedded rooms in the Private Ward for the main hospital for EHS patients out of which one exclusively used for the nursing staff only and the other rooms are used for Employees Health Scheme (EHS) patients including nurses as and when required. Apart from this, there are 16 other general beds in special cubicles of AB-6 ward of the main hospital reserved for the EHS patients which are also used for the nursing staff as and when necessary.

Payment of overtime allowance to Chowkidars of C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

5634 SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of chowkidars at present in C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that OTA payment has not been made to the chowkidars of C.G.H.S. dispensaries since the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) 115.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ अस्पतालों का आधुनिकीकरण

5635. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य